Outline: 1. The attractiveness of high and lofty peaks
2. David the Mt. Shasta of the O. T.
3. Markham's poem

4. Definitions of greatness as applied to David.
a- "Great men are never sufficiently shown but in struggles." Burke.
b- "A great man is made so for others". — Thomas Wilson.

c. "The great man is the man who does (2)
a thing for the first time." Alexander Smith

David gave Israel a central govt., a
standing army, a court, a supreme
court of justice, a capital city, and
a permanent sanctuary at Jerusalem.

d. "He is truly great that is great in charity.
He is truly great that is little in himself,
and maketh no account of any height of
honor. And he is truly learned that
doeth the will of God, and forsaketh
his own will." Thomas a Kempis

e. "It is not by his faults, but
by his excellencies, that we must
measure a great man."
George Henry Lewes.

I. ~~David's~~ the 3-fold victory of David in public life.

1. Samuel anoints David.
Jesse's estimate of David
Isaac Barrow's father
Adam Clarke's father, "Adam is a
grievous dunce."
"David, the beloved of Jehovah — a
man after God's own heart.

2. David playing the harp before Saul.
~~Uzzah~~
Read David's lament over Saul & Jonathan.
2 Sam. 1
"The Sweet Singer of Israel."

3. David slays Goliath.

David the warrior-hero, the conquering king, just, generous, magnanimous.

5 Characteristics of David.

I. David's treatment of his enemies.
1. David spares Saul's life at Engedi and Zeth.
2. " mourns the death of Saul.
3. " " " " Absolom.

II. David's sympathy for others
2 Sam. 10. death of King of Ammon. Hanun.

III. David's friendship for Jonathan.
1. A lasting friendship under most trying circumstances
2. David's provision for son of Jonathan - Mephibosheth.

IV. King David - a man of the common people.
approachable & serviceable to all.
- King of Eng. praying for dying peasant woman.

V. David's loyalty to Jehovah.
1. He never went back on Jehovah
2. He established Zion, the City of God.
3. He acknowledge his own sin before Nathan.

Conclusion.
1. Open-hearted, generous, magnanimous.
2. Brave & valiant.
3. Courteous & tactful.
4. Shrewd & far-seeing.
5. Just & merciful
6. Of strong feeling & extremely loyal.
7. Magnetic personality.

GREATNESS IN MEN. Markham.

"Give thanks, O heart, for the high souls
That point us to the deathless goals--
For all the courage of their cry
That echoes down from sky to sky;
Thanksgiving for the armed seers
And heroes called to mortal years--
Souls that have built our faith in man,
And lit the ages as they ran.

"Made of unpurchasable stuff.
They went the way when ways were rough;
They, when the traitors had deceived,
Held the long purpose,and believed;
They, when the face of God grew dim,
Held thru the dark and trusted Him-
Brave souls that fought the mortal way
And felt that faith could not betray.

"Give thanks for heroes that have stirred
Earth with the wonder of a word.
But all thanksgiving for the breed
Who have bent destiny with deed--
Souls of the high, heroic birth,
Souls sent to poise the shaken earth,
And then called back to God again
To make heaven possible for men."